



**CAPAA**  
WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON  
**ASIAN PACIFIC  
AMERICAN AFFAIRS**



**2018 Legislative Session Update**  
**January 20, 2018**

# Overview

- The 60-day session began on January 8
- Scheduled to end on March 8
- Major Objectives
  - Approve supplemental budgets
  - Comply with the McCleary ruling
  - Pass news laws

# CAPAA Bill Tracking & Updates

- CAPAA is tracking legislation that may be of interest to Asian American and Pacific Islander communities
- For further bill information, visit the Legislature's website at [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov) and enter in the corresponding bill number

# CAPAA Bill Tracking & Updates

- Updates posted on the website and social media on upcoming bills scheduled for public hearings and legislative activity
- Tracking list of legislation that may impact AAPIs available on website
- Periodic email updates, sign up at <https://capaa.wa.gov/subscribe/>

# Bill Tracking: Civil Rights & Justice

Bill	Sponsor	Description
HB 1186	Santos	Concerning the provision of and reimbursement for certain court interpreter services.
HB 1298	Ortiz-Self	Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.
HB 1506	Senn	Addressing workplace practices to achieve gender pay equity.
HB 2029	Ortiz-Self	Providing a referral resource for those seeking information and assistance for immigration and citizenship related matters.
HB 2262 SB 6015	Santos Hasegawa	Concerning actions for wrongful injury or death.

# Bill Tracking: Education

Bill	Sponsor	Description
HB 1377	Ortiz-Self	Improving students' mental health by enhancing nonacademic professional services.
HB 1488	Hansen	Expanding higher education opportunities for certain students.
HB 1827	Santos	Relating to expanding the current and future educator workforce supply through evidence-based strategies.
HB 2748	Santos	Modifying the learning assistance program.
HB 2763 SB 6394	Jenkin Walsh	Concerning additional poverty-based learning assistance program allocation.
SB 6003	Wellman	Concerning breakfast after the bell programs in certain public schools.

# Bill Tracking: Economic Development

Bill	Sponsor	Description
SB 5587	Hasegawa	Addressing the linked deposit program.
SB 5748	Hasegawa	Bringing Washington state government contracting provisions into compliance with federal law as it relates to small works bonding requirements.

# Bill Tracking: Health & Human Services

Bill	Sponsor	Description
HB 1291 SB 5683	Santos Saldaña	Concerning health care for Pacific Islanders residing in Washington under a compact of free association.
HB 1054 SB 5025	Harris Miloscia	Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.
HB 1171 SB 5225	Orwall Keiser	Directing the completion of a study of certain environmental impacts associated with aircraft traffic.
HB 2304	Lovick	Concerning improving diversity in clinical trials.
HB 2451	Slatter	Expanding the activities of the children's mental health services consultation program.
SB 6203	Carlyle	Reducing carbon pollution by moving to a clean energy economy.

# Bill Tracking: State Government / Budget

Bill	Sponsor	Description
SB 5020	Hasegawa	Requires the Washington State Commission on African-American Affairs and the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs to advise the Legislature on issues of concern to their communities. Repeals the sunset provision for the Commission on Hispanic Affairs.
HB 1075 SB 6090	Tharinger Frocht	Concerning the capital budget.

# Bill Tracking: Voting

Bill	Sponsor	Description
HB 1800 SB 5267	Gregerson Hunt	Enacting the Washington voting rights act.
HB 2595 SB 6353	Hudgins Hunt	Concerning procedures in order to automatically register citizens to vote.
HB 2433 SB 6092	Bergquist Billig	Concerning automatic voter registration, including establishing the future voter program for certain persons sixteen and seventeen years of age.
ESSB 6002	Saldaña	Enacting the Washington voting rights act of 2018.

# Accessing the Legislature

- Visit <http://capaa.wa.gov/advocacy/access-the-legislature/>
- Legislative Hotline: **1-800-562-6000** (for limited English proficient callers, the Hotline offers interpreter services for many languages.)
- Visit [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov) for bill information, e-mail addresses, legislative schedule & public hearings
- APA Legislative Day on January 23 (leadership delegation)